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September 10th, 1915

Captain J. A. Amyot, M.D.,

No. 4 Canadian General Hospital,

England.

My dear Dr. Amyot:

Yesterday Dr. Adam Wright, Dr. J. W. S. McCullough and Mr. Dallan, Provincial Sanitary Engineer, came to me with the offer of the use of their laboratory on Clifford Street in connection with our Department of Hygiene and Sanitary Engineering. You know the laboratories well because I suppose you had a good deal to do with their construction. They are apparently not being used very largely at present, and the Department will be glad to put them at our service.

I consulted with Dr. Fitzgerald in the matter, and he agrees with me that it is a generous offer and that our students would have much greater advantages than in our own laboratories. However, he felt and I believe rightly that the question of accepting them should be left to you for your approval first. If you agree to our using the laboratories, will you kindly let me know at once so I may complete arrangements with Dr. McCullough.

I hope that your Hospital is getting under way and will be in France or in some other place near the front by the time that you receive this letter.

Yours sincerely,

President.

France. 24.10.15.

My Dear Mr President.

I would certainly accept the offer if there are no serious things to it. It is one of the best Laboratories of its kind in America & means nearly in the world, for there has been little work done in America on the question of Sewage Treatment & Water Purification in the elucidation of the problems involved than in Europe. That Laboratory is one of my children and I would be very glad to see it brought into the University. It would be of special benefit to the School of Practical Science especially now as their students are finally taking up Sanitary Engineering so largely.

I hope the work in the Antitoxin Laboratory is going satisfactorily. Do not on any account let Dr. Fitzgerald get away from us, nor away here to Europe. There is no work requiring him more than the University requires him. When that Dept. at London gets anyone with special qualifications then seem to get him - finally throw him into some hole & thank God they are rid of him. What is really needed here are Field Ambulance Medical Officers and Regimental Medical Officers -

The Hôpital (our Hôpital) No 4 General is thrown into the Dardanelles - I have been very much tempted to throw up my present position O.C. Sanitary Section 1st Division Canadian Trench

I have been switched now six weeks. except-
for the fear that I should be considered as
shirking - I have special interests in the hospital
personnel because my 3 sons are in it, and
otherwise because I think sanitary work in the
area to which they are sent is necessary and
because it is the best manned hospital
that is in the British Expeditionary Force, and
generally recognised as such.

My duties here take me into the trenches to three
miles back and over an area of about 10 sq. miles.
I am getting a varied experience not all sanitary.

Your letter did not reach me until a couple of
days ago.

Yours very truly
J.A. Armynt.

Address if you should require again trouble me.

Major J.A. Armynt.

O.C. Sanitary Section.

1st Div. Canadian.

B. E. F.

France.

Keep an eye on the manipulation at the Padiamato
Bedgs. & interests East & West. with the possible enquiry
this is contemplated if not already started. I trust it
from the inside.